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The annual *Prospective Plantings* report published by the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service is based on the voluntary responses from approximately 1,500 Wisconsin producers. Actual plantings will depend upon weather, economic conditions and the availability of production inputs at the time producers must make their final planting decisions.

Wisconsin farmers intend to plant 4.10 million acres of **corn** for all purposes in 2015, up 3 percent from 2014 according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Prospective Plantings* report.

Farmers in Wisconsin intend to plant 1.85 million acres of **soybeans**, a 3 percent increase from 2014. If realized, this will be Wisconsin's highest soybean planted acreage on record.

Wisconsin **winter wheat** planted acreage is estimated at 245,000 acres, a drop of 17 percent from 2014.

Oat producers in Wisconsin intend to plant 275,000 acres, up 20,000 acres from 2014.

Planting intentions of Wisconsin **barley** farmers for 2015, at 24,000 acres, is down 2,000 acres from 2014.

Wisconsin farmers intend to harvest 1.60 million acres of **dry hay** in 2015, down 2 percent from 2014.

Prospective Plantings – Wisconsin and United States: 2013-2015

Crop	Wisconsin				United States			
	2013	2014	Indicated 2015	'15 as % of '14	2013	2014	Indicated 2015	'15 as % of '14
	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>percent</i>	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>percent</i>
Barley.....	33	26	24	92	3,528	2,975	3,258	110
Corn, all.....	4,100	4,000	4,100	103	95,365	90,597	89,199	98
Dry Beans	5.4	7.9	7.9	100	1,359.7	1,718.9	1,742.9	101
Hay, all ¹	1,600	1,640	1,600	98	57,897	57,092	57,093	100
Oats	255	255	275	108	2,980	2,723	2,931	108
Soybeans	1,580	1,800	1,850	103	76,840	83,701	84,635	101
Wheat, Winter.....	315	295	245	83	43,230	42,399	40,751	96

¹ Acres for harvest.

UNITED STATES PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS

Corn planted area for all purposes in 2015 is estimated at 89.2 million acres, down 2 percent from last year. If realized, this will be the third consecutive year of an acreage decline and would be the lowest planted acreage in the United States since 2010.

Soybean planted area for 2015 is estimated at a record high 84.6 million acres, up 1 percent from last year. Compared with last year, planted acreage intentions are up or unchanged in 21 of the 31 major producing States.

All wheat planted area for 2015 is estimated at 55.4 million acres, down 3 percent from 2014. The 2015 winter wheat planted area, at 40.8 million acres, is down 4 percent from last year but up less than 1 percent from the previous estimate. Of this total, about 29.6 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 7.75 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.43 million acres are White Winter. Area planted to other spring wheat for 2015 is estimated at 13.0 million acres, down slightly from 2014. Of this total, about 12.1 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. The intended Durum planted area for 2015 is estimated at 1.65 million acres, up 18 percent from the previous year.

Corn and Soybean Planted Acreage - United States

Million acres

